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TO: Secretary of State

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REFERENCE: (1) DEPTTEL 232 TO BERLIN, 1007 TO BONN.
(2) BONN'S TEL 1045 TO DEPT, 275 TO BERLIN.

1. VIEWS REQUESTED LAST PARAGRAPH REFTEL (1) ON SIGNIFICANCE
NO 14 INCIDENT AND ACTION FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE CONTAINED
OURTEL 299 TO BONN, 346 TO DEPT.

2. AGREE WITH REFTEL (2) RE NATO.

3. RE SUGGESTION REFTEL (2) THAT "TEST" BE MADE NEXT BY BRITISH
OR FRENCH COVERED TRUCK, FEEL THIS IDEA ONE WHICH SHOULD BE
EXPLORED. WE COULD DISCUSS HERE WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH.

4. AGREE WITH REFTEL (2) THAT AT APPROPRIATE TIME US RESUME
DISPATCHING COVERED VEHICLES. CONSIDER APPROPRIATE TIME TO
BE (1) WHEN REPLY RECEIVED TO CINCEUR'S PROTEST TO GEN OF ARMY
ZAKHAROV, (2) PRESS FUROR ABATES AND (3) WHEN LOCAL TENSION WITH
SOVS, WHICH HIGH AS RESULT OF NOV 14, GIVEN TIME COOL DOWN
SOMEWHAT AND THEY LESS LIKELY TAKE PRECIPITOUS ACTION THAN WOULD
BE CASE NOW.

5. IF FORCEFUL ACTION CONTEMPLATED WITH RESPECT TO DETENTION
OF COVERED VEHICLE THIS SHOULD BE COORDINATED WITH FRENCH AND
BRITISH. HOWEVER, ELIEVE INADVISABLE TYING OURSELVES TO BRITISH
AND FRENCH APPROVAL FOR NORMAL DESPATCH OF TRUCKS SINGLY OR IN
CONVOY.

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